**ALCTS TECHNICAL SERVICES DIRECTORS OF LARGE RESEARCH LIBRARIES DISCUSSION GROUP**

**Indiana University Round Robin Update – June 2005**

**Changes at the Main Library**
The new Information Commons 2 (IC2) in the west tower of the Main Library was opened to the public in March.  The IC2 offers 9,600 square-feet with 68 individual computer workstations, seating and electrical power for 100+ laptop users, a current, high-use core book collection, technology consultation during open hours, library reference assistance, printing, and wireless network.  Unlike the Main Library's first Information Commons (IC), three times the size at over 27,000 square feet, the IC2 is a quiet study space, designed to complement the more social, group-oriented IC.

Long a destination for students to study and gather, the Main Library lobby was refurbished and now features comfortable seating where students can gather informally to discuss assignments or take a break between classes.

In April, the Trustees of Indiana University approved the naming of the Main Library on Indiana University's Bloomington campus for Herman B Wells, the university's visionary chancellor who died five years ago.  The university will celebrate the naming of the Herman B Wells Library with a ceremony on June 17.

**Personnel**
In May, Harriette Hemmasi, Executive Associate Dean of Libraries at Indiana University, was appointed Joukowsky Family University Librarian at Brown University.  Harriette will begin her new position this fall.

Effective October 1$^{st}$, Mechael Charbonneau will serve a three-year term on the PCC Policy Committee representing BIBCO.  Mechael was also recently elected to serve as alternate to the OCLC Members Council representing the INCOLSA (Indiana's statewide library network) membership.  Jennifer Younger of Notre Dame was elected as delegate.

The Technical Services Department will host a summer internship for a graduate student from the Indiana University School of Library Information & Sciences (SLIS) interested in studying all aspects of technical services operations.

**Local System**
In early May, our local ILS (SIRSI Unicorn Academe) was upgraded from version 2002.0.18 to 2004.1.4.5.

Between March-May, locally-developed Connexion client training sessions were offered to all technical services staff university-wide (8 campuses).  Within the Wells Library's Technical Services Department, staff have successfully cutover to Connexion (version 1.3) in preparation for Passport's demise in early June.

**Ergonomic Furniture**
All technical services staff in the Wells Library received the new ergonomic furniture slated for Phase I of this multi-year implementation plan.  A university ergonomic specialist also conducted numerous individual staff workstation evaluations throughout the department.  Based on the consultant's recommendations, we are in the process of ordering additional equipment to meet some specialized needs (i.e., split keyboards, wrist/keyboard gel pads, etc.).

In May, all technical services staff received new Dell computer workstations as part of the Libraries' regular three-year replacement program.

### CIC Print Journal Archiving Project
As reported in Indiana University's January 2005 round robin update, work began on a new Committee on Institutional Cooperation (CIC) initiative to archive prospective print periodical titles.  CIC participating libraries are jointly purchasing a single print copy of all Wiley and Kluwer/Springer journals and will be storing them in state-of-the-art, long-term storage facilities.  Indiana University began receiving current issues of the Wiley journals in April.  More information about this exciting CIC project is available at:
http://www.cic.uiuc.edu/programs/JournalArchiving/archive/PressRelease/PrintJournalArchiving4-25-05.pdf

### Electronic Resources Management Systems Task Group
In March, a group of technical services and library information technology representatives from the Wells Library was established to develop a list of "must have" functional requirements for an ERMS.  The group is also charged with reviewing Indiana University's options – whether or not to purchase a commercial ERM system or develop a local application.

### OCLC Union List of Serials Batchloading Task Group
In January, a task group was established and charged with investigating the feasibility of preparing an output file from serials holdings information recorded in our local catalog, IUCAT, to batchload via OCLC's Union List of Serials service (LDRUS).   A final report is due in June.

### RLG Batchloading of Bibliographic Records
Indiana University is investigating the possibility of loading its bibliographic records into the RLG Union Catalog.  A group is in the process of reviewing the technical specifications and associated programming costs.

### Task Group on the Future of Cataloging at Indiana University
Formed in May 2005, the Task Group on the Future of Cataloging is charged with preparing a white paper that surveys the landscape and identifies current trends that will have a direct impact on cataloging operations and possible new roles for the online catalog and cataloging staff.  The task group has members representing various types of cataloging operations located on all eight Indiana University campuses.  The final report is due September 15th.  The white paper will then be used as a basis for individual cataloging agencies university-wide (16+) to strategically prepare for future needs and likely changes.

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